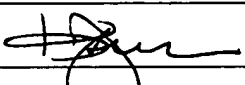
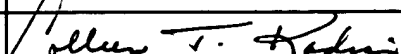


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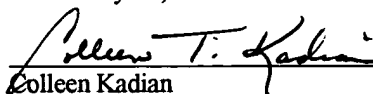
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2002 in the above-identified patent application.

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) An improved method for molding three-dimensional products from a mass of foodstuff which is suitable for human consumption, comprising the steps of:

- a. filling at least one mold cavity having at least one opening with a portion of a mass of foodstuff via the at least one opening, wherein a filling pressure is exerted on the mass for a filling period;
- b. closing the at least one opening of the mold cavity;
- c. retaining the mass in the closed mold cavity for a fixing period, wherein for at least a portion of the fixing period a fixing pressure is exerted on the mass to form a molded product; and
- d. opening the mold cavity and removing the molded product.

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